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Festival of Trees A Joyous Success

Friends of the Marion Council On Aging

By Marilou Newell

The November 27 opening reception of the Friends of the Marion Council on Aging Festival of Trees fundraiser drew large numbers, people seeking to begin their holiday not only supporting the FMCOA event but people seeking to find the joy of the season. To that end – it was a grand success.

The fundraiser featured 14 trees decked from top to bottom in themed resplendence. Each tree was sponsored by its own team of elves, whose imaginative interpretations of traditional trees created a fanciful and precious forest throughout the main hall of the Cushing Community Center.

Raffle tickets were sold for a drawing that will be held on Thursday, December 9, at noon when the lucky winners will go home with a tree that they found especially fetching. Baskets filled to overflowing with holiday goodies were also raffled off.

The fundraiser was another effort by the FMCOA to secure funding for the construction of an outdoor pavilion on the grounds of the former VFW, a space the group is calling Pavilion Park.

Throughout the year, a variety of fundraising events have been hosted by the group with the goal of reaching the \$50,000 mark. FMCOA president Merry Conway was beaming as she said the group was very near their goal and would be meeting soon with the Marion

On the Cover: The Festival of Trees fundraising event opened on November 27 on Cushing Community Center with a reception hosted by the Friends of the Marion Council on Aging. It was a tree-mendous success. Fourteen Christmas trees were decked out in imaginative styles ranging from a giant penguin to top hats and even Matchbox cars. This tree, designed by Tabitha Tripp Cooper, features tiny, handcrafted ornaments made from wine bottle corks and includes a reimagined manger scene. The trees will be raffled off on December 9 and until then will be on display at the Community Center. Photo by Marilou Newell

Select Board to discuss next steps. She said that the 2019 event had been well attended but that 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic. The 2021 event proved to be a great success.

From the moment the event opened until the end, the two-hour reception was packed with merrymakers. The festival's team of organizers that included Conway and other members of the FMCOA, COA Director Karen Gregory, COA Program Coordinator Linda Jackvony, and COA assistant Mike Poznysz, were all delighted by the overwhelming turnout.

At the grand piano tickling the ivories with the sweet sounds of holiday music which helped to set the tone for the afternoon was Dave Valerio. His renditions of traditional Christmas tunes were simply perfect.

But the real draw, the reason so many broke away from Saturday chores was to see the trees.

Each tree bore a title that spoke to its unique

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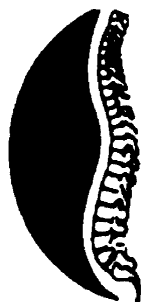
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theme. There was "All You Need Is Love" decorated with hearts by "Friends" Ellen, Jeannie, Vicki and Wendy. "Cheers To Christmas" was decorated by Tabitha Tripp, a tree covered in wine corks creatively sculpted into snowmen, elves, forest creatures and even a tiny manger scene. "Classy Tree" by Cheryl Lorantos and "Tuxedo Tree" by Joyce LeBlanc and Jean MacCormack both donned black top hats, setting a very sophisticated mood, while "Penguin Christmas" created by children attending before and after-school programs at East Fairhaven School was a giant sized – you guessed it – penguin.

"Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow" created by members of the COA staff was a lovely, delicate display of crocheting excellence with white handmade snowflakes of intricate lace-like pieces. "Tree By The Sea" created by Lissa Magauran and Ami Milano brought a touch of the salty sea to the room, while "Flamingo Fun" by Jill Pitman held a giant pink flamingo in evergreen branches just for fun.

And speaking of fun, the tree named "Sweet Little Place for Sweet Little Folks" decorated by Volunteers at Sippican Elementary (VASE) was festooned with colorful ribbons and images of rainbow candy, a Candyland-themed offering.

Another youthful theme was the tree titled "Zooming Out of 2021 As Fast As We Can" and covered from top to bottom with Matchbox cars decorated by a local automobile business. "Winter Wonderland" by Janet Wallace and Lorraine Sowden and "Yester Year" by the Russo Family were trees giving a nod to bygone days with themes of snow-covered woodlands and heirloom ornaments. "Memory Lane" decorated by Siobhan McDonald will continue to grow as it was designed to be interactive, giving people the trimmings to make more decorations.

Touching on an importance of Alzheimers awareness, "Memories Matter" is a tree decorated by Barbara Meehan on behalf of Alzheimers advocate

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Christine Gallagher, decorated in purple, silver and white, a tribute to those living with dementia.

The trees will remain on display through Thursday, December 9, if you are looking for inspiration. For more information on the Friends of the Marion COA, visit fmcoa.org.

Resolutions Offered for Bridge Planking

By Marilou Newell

It is a frequently asked question, especially on social media platforms: "When will the Bike Path open?" The question is not regarding existing phases for the Mattapoisett bike path, those sections merging into Fairhaven to the west or Marion to the east. No, the question is asked in relationship to Phase 1b and the heralded bridge across scenic marshland and the Eel Pond breach, a section being called the Shining Tides pathway given its location along the YMCA property of the same name.

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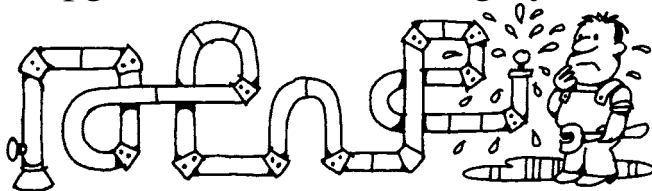
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The bike path bridge took months to design and even longer to be vetted by the Conservation Commission and Planning Board, given the sensitive and jurisdictional spaces that would ultimately be impacted by construction. But the town and the supporters of the bike path leaned in with money and invested time pursuing grants and a commitment from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in the form of money and construction responsibility.

When White Construction was hired by MassDOT to complete the bike path's Phase 1b, all eyes were aimed not on the construction itself but on the "when" this phase would be opened for all to enjoy. Alas, trouble in the form of defective bridge planking was discovered, bringing the slow but steady progress (due to the pandemic) to a grinding halt. Now some eight months since that discovery, a resolution to the planking issue has been offered by the state and accepted by Mattapoisett.

A recent meeting between MassDOT, its engineering partners and Mattapoisett Select Board Chairman Jordon Collyer and Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo was virtually held on November 23. MassDOT's team presented the town with four options geared to resolve the issue of defective bridge planking. During the November 22 meeting of the Select Board, Collyer had commented, "I intend to hold their feet to the fire to get what we want." He also hoped that once a resolution was in play, additional substantial delays could be avoided.

In a follow-up with Collyer, he said that really only one option was viable in his view. That option was to use planking (a laminated wood product designed for outdoor exposed conditions) 18 inches wide and 5 inches thick with supports affixed to the underside of each plank. The failed material is thinner and wider and uses a

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A letter affirming the town's acceptance of that option was to be sent immediately to the state. Collyer cautioned that supply-chain issues may come into play, but that agreement to concurrent construction processes may help to compress any further delays.

No one is ready to give an opening date estimate for this much anticipated recreational space but with a resolution now accepted by the town progress of a sort has been made.

Hovan Scheduled for Bench Trial

By Mick Colageo

Southcoast Health President and CEO Keith Hovan has a Monday, December 20, bench trial at Wareham District Court, where he is scheduled to answer to charges of Domestic Assault and Battery stemming from a November 6 arrest at his Rochester home.

Hovan's New Bedford-based attorney, Christopher Markey, was reached by The Wanderer following his client's November 24 scheduled appearance for pre-trial hearing but declined comment.

Hovan, 59, pleaded not guilty at his November 8 arraignment. The healthcare executive announced shortly after the arrest that he would temporarily step away from his job to spare Southcoast Health's multi-hospital staff any further distraction.

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265, Section 13A Domestic Assault and Battery states: "Whoever commits an assault or an assault and battery upon another shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 2 1/2 years in a house of correction or by a fine of not more than \$1,000."

The arrest by Rochester Police occurred late on the first Saturday night of November after an emergency call made by a woman at the home.

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According to their reports, Hovan exited the house smelling of alcohol and an apparently bloody arm. Emborg's report quoted him to say, "It was me, I did it, my arm hit ... in the face."

The victim of the alleged assault, the woman who also made the 911 call, had a red facial mark later observed by Emborg to evolve into a bruise.

According to the reports, both Hovan and the victim said they had argued while watching TV, and the disagreement escalated after the victim began writing in a journal. Hovan told officers accidental contact while arguing over the journal caused the cuts on his arm. The victim called the incident "just a stupid argument" and was visibly upset at Hovan's arrest.

Released early the next morning, Hovan was advised by the state Department of Children and Families to stay away from his home, seeing as juveniles were present. Given the option to return home pending the victim's approval, Hovan told DCF he would stay on his boat, according to the reports.

Hours after the arrest, Rochester Police returned to Hovan's residence and seized a large collection of firearms and approximately 19,500 rounds of ammunition.



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That led to an additional charge of illegal possession of a large-capacity magazine. While Hovan's license to carry firearms was suspended, guns were not involved in the incident, according to police reports.

Single Tax Rate Approved

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

Pat DeCosta, the chair of Marion's Board of Assessors, and Associate Assessor Linda Dessert appeared before the Select Board during the latter's November 23 meeting to continue a Classification Hearing originally opened on November 16.

"It would be a real burden on the business to split the tax rate, and the Board (of Assessors) would recommend a single tax rate," said DeCosta, noting that Marion's property is 93 percent residential.

In referring to a spread sheet provided the Select Board members by Dessert, Town Administrator Jay McGrail explained that a split tax rate would provide only limited benefit to residential taxpayers but, at the same time, prove devastating to business owners in town.

The spreadsheet displayed averages for homes valued at \$200,000, \$300,000 and \$400,000.

A \$400,000 home would be taxed \$4,340 in a single-rate scenario and \$4,180 in a split-rate scenario, an annual savings of \$160. But a \$400,000 business that would be taxed \$4,340 in a single-rate scenario would pay \$6,512 in a split-rate scenario, a negative swing of \$2,172.

The split-rate hit on a \$300,000 business would be \$4,884 (a \$1,629 difference), and the split-rate hit on a \$200,000 business would be \$3,256 (a \$1,086 difference). Split-rate property tax on a \$300,000 home would save that property owner \$120, and the owner of a \$200,000 home would pay \$80 less.

The spreadsheet gave added real examples.

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"I'm good with (the single tax rate), we want to encourage businesses, not chase them out of Marion," said Select Board member John Waterman, whose background is in finance.

Select Board member Randy Parker noticed that the tax rate also dropped to \$10.85 per \$1,000, a decrease from \$11.32. DeCosta said it is a 4.2 percent decrease from last year.

"We've come down in two years almost a whole dollar," said McGrail.

Waterman identified overrides coming off, and McGrail said values are also going up.

Noting the hard work put in during the days leading up to Thanksgiving, Parker applauded the Assessors for "getting it done."

Waterman echoed Parker's sentiment and the Select Board voted unanimously to accept the single-tax rate.

In other business, the board voted to approve a Common Victualler License for Harriet's Catering, which has reopened at 7 Cottage Street, the former location of Sweet Pea Kitchen. The license is good for the rest of 2021.

McGrail said Harriet's, which already had official approval from the Board of Health, will also appear on the Select Board's next agenda for its 2022 approval.

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The Select Board will meet on Tuesday, December 14, at 6:00 pm at the Cushing Community Center, followed by a Holiday Party for town employees.

Marot Selected As New Building Director

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

On November 23 the Mattapoisett Select Board met with the three finalists vying for the open position of Director of Inspectional Services. This critical job vacancy had been held for decades by Andy Bobola, who has retired, leaving it was up to the Select Board with the assistance of Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo to fill the position.

The three finalists were Scott Shippey, a Wareham resident currently employed by the Town of Marion as building commissioner, James Marot of Lakeville, currently employed by the Town of Acushnet as building commissioner, and Stephen Brodo, a Mattapoisett resident working as his town's assistant building inspector since 2016.

When it came time to deliberate who was their pick for the job, the Select Board members seemed to each favor a different candidate. But, in the end, they agreed to offer the job to Marot. The appointment is contingent upon successful negotiations.

Each candidate was given five minutes to share with the Select Board reasons why they wanted the job and why they believed their qualifications made them the right candidate for hire. Following that narrative, the Select Board members and Lorenzo took turns posing the same battery of questions.

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familiarity with geographic information systems (GIS), provide an example of when his eye for detail aided a particular situation, the ability to handle employee management and/or property-owner issues including difficult scenarios, knowledge of FEMA regulations, conflicts of interest, ability to collaborate with other town departments, and knowledge of Green Community initiatives.

The candidates were also asked what are the top two things that they would do immediately if hired. There were times during the 30-minute interview process where other questions were posed, but in general the questioning was uniform.

Shippey noted his 36 years in the construction industry and since 2010 as building inspector for the Town of Marion, 13 years as Marion's fire inspector and his carpentry skills. He responded that he is not currently working with GIS systems but believes they provide easier access to the permitting process. Regarding his ability to work with other town departments, Shippey commented that board members sometimes do not agree due to their "passion" and that there have been occasions when his interjections have steered board members away from potential violations of state Open Meeting Law.

Asked about dealing with the public, Shippey confessed that "my life has been threatened," and said remaining calm is necessary. "If a situation can't be diffused, then end the conversation," he said. Shippey noted his familiarity with Green Communities, given that Marion embraced the programming several years ago. The top two things he said he would do immediately if hired were a review permit fee structures and the use of computer programs for permitting.

Brodo began his narrative by sharing that he was enlisted in the Navy for 26 years and has always wanted to be part of "something bigger than myself." He stated that he enjoys "being the guy," the go-to decision maker. Brodo said he has been in the community for 16 years and wants to give back to the town after years of "caring for the nation." He said he has a working knowledge of GIS systems. Regarding his eye for detail, he responded he has to be aware of all details, saying he has a background in mechanical engineering.

Of his ability to work with difficult people or situations, Brodo said that in the past he had been challenged doing what he termed "verbal judo." In the end, however, talking things through, explaining why things had to be a certain way, worked. "In the Navy there are rules of engagement – I don't want to shoot." Brodo said talking things through rather than going to court is important. Although not fully versed on Green



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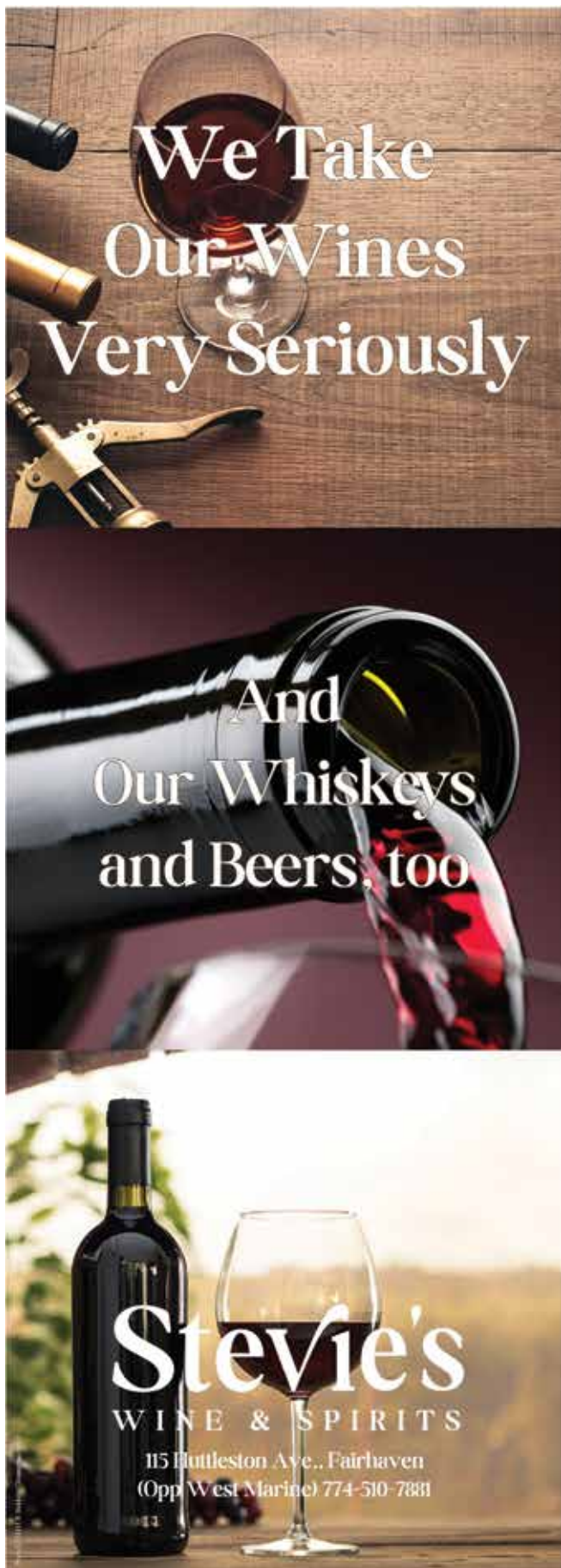


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Community programs (Mattapoissett will be pursuing this program in the coming months), Brodo believes such programs are beneficial to the country as a whole.

Marot said he has been a building commissioner for 17 years and believes that, with his qualifications, "I have something to offer." He said he is presently using GIS systems and agrees with the benefit that such programming provides, especially during the recent pandemic. He was asked about his ability to work with elected and appointed board members. Marot said he would sit down with board members to review bylaws, sharing that when he started in Acushnet things operated on the "old boy" system, something he had to turn around during his tenure.

Marot said he is deeply familiar with FEMA regulations. He shared that he believes as a building director one acts as an "ambassador" of the town so that, if confronted with difficult situations such as not passing something during field inspections, problems can be solved "by talking things turned out."

He said his first job is safety, second is enforcing bylaws, and third is being an ambassador for the town.

As the board continued its interview, Marot explained his deep involvement with Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School through various projects in Acushnet. He has been a member of the school's Advisory Board, as well as its use of Green Community opportunities.

Board member Jodi Bauer believed Marot could easily transition into the position, saying, "he brings a lot to the table," including such as knowledge of Green Community programs and a tight relationship with Old Colony.

Member Tyler Macallister said any of the three candidates would be a good pick with Marot being more polished and Brodo possessing local knowledge. Macallister also appreciated Brodo's service to the country. He went on to say that Brodo had done work on

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his home so that he was familiar with his eye for detail and willingness to fix things that others might have overlooked.

Select Board chairman Jordan Collyer said that Shippey was "great" and that, with Marot and Brodo, there were "pros and cons." But he commented that there is much to be done. "There's a bunch of stuff we need to do. ... Do we want to shake things up a bit, get things done, ramp things up quickly or move more slowly to reach goals?"

Bauer responded promptly, saying, "Jim has the experience to jump right in ... he's a strong candidate ...

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we'd be crazy not to grab him."

While Macallister preferred Brodo, he said that whoever got the job they would sit down with to discuss their role in the bigger picture. He hoped that, if Marot was ultimately selected, he would work with Brodo to bring him up to the next level. Collyer agreed, saying a mentoring role is needed.

Projects Set Back by Storm

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

By Mick Colageo

John Rockwell may be sailing abroad, but that isn't stopping the chairman of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission from connecting for scheduled public meetings via a Zoom connection.

When MOSAC connects online Thursday, December 2, the commission will be looking to produce a representative to the town's Community Preservation Committee.

In the meantime, the commission's November 4 meeting addressed a few lingering project-related matters made slower by the massive cleanup in the wake of the late-October storm that knocked the power out of the vast majority of businesses and residences.

Rockwell said that MOSAC has funds to finance clearing of the first 1,000 feet of the Point Road Path, but a discussion with Jody Dickerson of the Department of Public Works painted a bleak picture.

"All the tree-clearing, brush-clearing people sort of have their hands full so it's not realistic to have the DPW involved any time soon," said Rockwell, referring to a town-wide clean-up effort.

The answer for now is for MOSAC to turn its attention to private enterprise to hire out clean-up help for the month of December and then proceed on a month-by-month basis. Rockwell figured that perhaps December might allow the committee to see the second thousand feet of the path also staked out.

Another area affected by storm debris is the Great Swamp Area off Joanne Drive, where Rockwell says G.A.F. Engineering was working on design and permitting for the fire road improvement.

"The trees are so bad that, until that road is improved, they're not going to get any equipment back there," he said. "David Jenney was kind enough to volunteer to do it, and it's all a mess again. ... Most of our maintenance meetings now are just getting trees cleared."

MOSAC member Amanda Chace agreed that the committee's projects are "at the back of a very long line in terms of getting stuff cleared."

Rockwell also alluded to a meeting with



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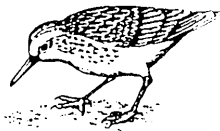
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Dickerson at Grassi Bog where cutting has been needed. "I hope we don't have any more storms so DPW can catch up," he said.

One place where Rockwell was able to report progress was in MOSAC's new Open Space Map. Noting his "obscure" colors, Rockwell acknowledged his map-design shortcomings in good humor.

"The master mapmaker at the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program has also pointed out to me on more than one occasion my maps are terrible," he said.

So Rockwell requested the National Estuary Program map designer remake her 2016 map with 2021 data that Rockwell furnished. MOSAC members much prefer that map, and Rockwell said that Town Planner/Conservation Agent Doug Guey Lee told him a large printer would only need an ink cartridge on back order to produce the new map.

MOSAC's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 2, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Student Awards to Be Decided with TLC

Marion Scholarship Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Scholarship Committee has applied the final touches to its annual application form that will become available in local high schools before Christmas vacation.

The committee met via Zoom on Monday to discuss any wrinkles and solve any questions except the one anyone would want to know: How many scholarships are available and for how much money?

Unfortunately for all stakeholders, the answer to that question does not emerge until after the committee receives the pool of applicants and pours through each and every one with intense care.

"We are in the situation where we have to wait and see how much money we have," explained Marthe Soden, the chair of the committee. "We understand about



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costs, the amounts we give as a scholarship. It might cover one textbook."

Soden noted that only a couple of years ago the decision was made to award one \$750 scholarship. Five scholarships were awarded for 2020-21.

"Everybody looks at them all, and it's a blind process. The names are removed and the addresses are removed," she said.

The list of criteria begins with residency in the Town of Marion and includes academic achievement, civic responsibility, community service and involvement, extracurricular activities, personal passion, a vision for

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A plan for college attendance during Fall 2022 is a hard prerequisite for eligibility, as students planning any kind of gap between high school graduation and their first semester of college are disqualified from consideration. To be considered, applicants must plan to enroll in fall classes.

The importance of grade-point average was debated during Monday's meeting by committee member Patty White, who said she would prefer the use of high school transcripts. White noted that some students hold dual enrollment elsewhere and take courses including at

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local colleges. That work, she said, should also be taken into consideration.

Deliberation is passionate, and some of the group decisions break individual hearts within the committee.

"It was agonizing, there was a good case to be made for each of the applicants," said Soden of the 2020-21 vote, noting the work that went into the process. "The applications were thoughtfully done."

One committee member suggested during 2020-21 deliberations that the funds be divided equally so that all the students could get some assistance. "It was really, really hard because they're all so good, but there isn't enough money for that," said Soden.

Applications, available later this month in guidance offices, must be submitted by March 30. Award recipients will be notified by Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson during the first week in May. The committee may advertise in the local newspapers to make students aware.

"People have been very generous," said Soden. "This is not a good economic time, (but) people have been super, for which we are all extremely grateful."

If anyone wishes to send a donation, checks can be made out to The Scholarship and Education Fund and mailed to Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Sommers, Bulldogs Avenge Apponequet

Sports Roundup

By Matthew Curry

On Thanksgiving, the Old Rochester Regional High School football team walked onto the field at Apponequet Regional High School with their minds set solely on redemption.

Seven months prior in the 2020-21 Fall II season, the Bulldogs suffered a crushing 35-point loss to the Lakers, costing them the South Coast Conference championship. The defeat served as a major source of

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On November 25, Old Rochester got a shot at avenging the loss and was more than successful, picking up a one-sided, 28-7 win to clinch the SCC Blue title.

After winning the coin toss, ORR received the opening kickoff and made a statement on the first drive with runs from Zack Profit, Harrison Hughes, and Jackson Martin setting up junior quarterback Noah Sommers for an 18-yard touchdown run. Apponequet went on to fumble on its first possession, leading to a 31-yard touchdown pass from Sommers to Hughes.

Apponequet remained scoreless in the second quarter, while a 35-yard run from Hughes put ORR up 21-0 going into the second half.

The Lakers were able to hold off the Bulldogs in the third quarter while also scoring their first touchdown of the game, but it would also be their last.

In the fourth quarter, a 27-yard pass from Sommers was caught by Martin, marking the last touchdown of the game. An extra point from sophomore kicker Remy Wilson, who went 4-for-4 on Thanksgiving, solidified the 28-7 win.

"That game meant a lot to me as well as the rest of the team," said Sommers. "The way we lost to them last year lit a fire inside of all of us so that win definitely felt good. It was a good way for the seniors to go out."

Since returning from an injury that kept him out of the first two games of the season, Sommers has been a major factor in Old Rochester's success. Going into Thanksgiving Day, Sommers had totaled seven rushing and five passing touchdowns over the course of the season, and he extended those stats to eight and seven, respectively.

Sommers will be a senior next year. When asked about his goals for his final season, his answer was obvious.

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a super bowl, that's been my goal since the start of high school," he said.

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The Bulldogs will also retain some key weapons, including Martin and Hughes as well as Walter Rosher, who led ORR in scoring prior to a season-ending injury. With Sommers' leadership and key players returning, Sommers' goal might just be within reach.

ORR to Launch Personal Finance Program

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Old Rochester Regional High School Principal Mike Devoll are pleased to announce that the school has partnered with Junior Achievement (JA) of Southern Massachusetts to bring a series of personal finance lessons to ORRHS students.

Students will be able to attend the program beginning Wednesday, Dec. 1 during their "Bulldog Block" flex period. The program will introduce them to the interrelationship between their financial decisions today and future financial freedom. They will also learn how their decisions can affect people they have relationships with and healthy behaviors to discuss and manage shared financial decisions.

"Financial management skills are important for students to develop early as the decisions they make even in their high school years can affect their futures," Principal Devoll said. "We have already received a lot of interest in the course from our students and we are excited to officially launch the lessons."

The program will cover topics including: earning money; budgeting money; establishing healthy financial relationships; saving money for larger purchases and emergencies; managing credit and debt wisely; protecting finances; shopping smartly; managing potential risk to finances; investing to grow money; and using credit cards responsibly.

At the conclusion of the program, students will understand how their personal finances affect their quality of life and how their financial choices will be the basis for meeting their needs and wants.

"JA is grateful for the opportunity to partner with Old Rochester Regional High School. We have been able to collaborate around a dynamic personal finance program that is helping ORR students prepare for their exciting futures," said Jeffrey Pelletier, President, Junior

Achievement of Southern Massachusetts. "We are thankful to be able to partner with such an outstanding team of educators and we look forward to continuing and building upon this partnership in the years ahead."

"We are always looking for new and diverse programs to offer to our students, and the skills they will have the opportunity to learn through the new personal finance program will be an asset to their high school education," Superintendent Nelson said. "We look forward to working with Junior Achievement on this program and are grateful for their partnership."

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December 26, 1:00pm - Southcoast Lessons presents Old Time Fiddle Session - Join us for a gathering of traditional string band musicians and music lovers. Bring an instrument if you play, a seat if you've got one you love, and yourself whether you play and own seating or not!

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Contact Mattapoisett Museum at info@mattapoisettmuseum.org or Jeff Angeley at southcoastlessons@gmail.com for more information.

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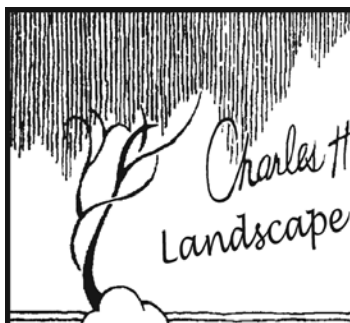
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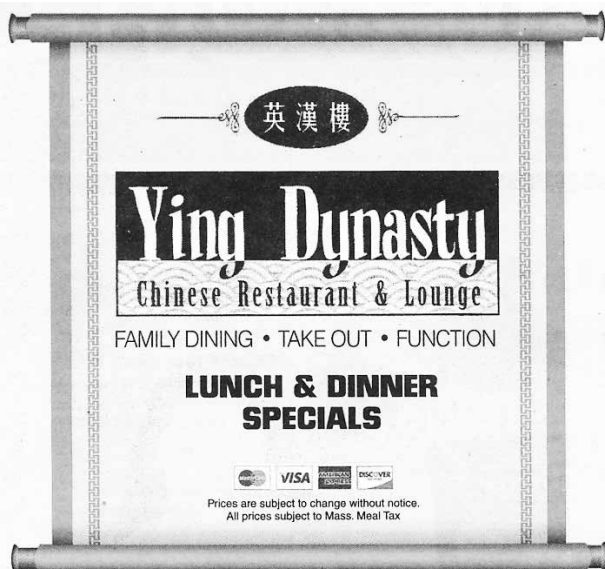
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Also, each Wednesday in Advent we host Rooted service at 6:00pm and at 7:00pm Faith Forum Series - Living Well Through Advent. For more information please phone 508-748-1507 or email: stgabrielmarion@gmail.com

Lions International Peace Poster Contest

The Mattapoisett Lions Club is pleased to announce the local winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Ben Silva, a 6th grade student at Old Hammondtown School, won the local competition sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club.

The poster is just one of more than 450,000 entries submitted worldwide in this annual contest. It was chosen by Lions Club member Helene Rose and school staff members. The criteria for the contest were originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the theme "We Are All Connected."

Mattapoisett Lions Club President Valerie Kane said she was "impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at Old Hammondtown School." President Kane also noted that she is proud that the Mattapoisett Lions Club was able to provide this opportunity to the students.

Silva's poster will advance through the district,

multiple district and international levels of competition, if he is to be declared the international grand prize winner.

Silva was awarded a \$100 Barnes & Noble gift card. Second Place went to Madeline Gendreau who was awarded a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card. Third Place went to Drew Butler who was awarded a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card. Honorable Mention certificates were awarded to: Isabella Perez-Dormitzer, Grace Victoria, & Bobby Calder

The Mattapoisett Lions Club would like to thank Mrs. Bowman, Mr. Tavares and the educators at Old Hammondtown School, as well as parents, for their continued support of the Peace Poster project.

For more information on the Mattapoisett Lions Club, go to Mattapoisett Lions Club To view past International Peace Poster International Grand Prize winners go to: Lions International Peace Poster Contest Grand Prize Winners

Tri-County Symphonic Band


'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the land, Town folks were gathering to hear the Tri-County Symphonic Band.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, celebrates the festive holiday season with its annual Children's Christmas Concert, on Sunday, **December 12**, 1:30 pm at the Sippican School, 16 Spring St. Marion, in the Multi-Purpose Room. The concert is a wonderful family experience designed for all ages and is free of charge.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band will perform seasonal favorites including "Christmas-Time Around the World", "Carol of the Shepherds", "A Canadian Brass Christmas", "Christmas Calypso", "That Christmas Tree Jazz" and "Introduction, March and Shepherd's Dance from Amahl and the Night Visitors."

A special part of this year's concert will feature the Sippican School Concert Choir, under the direction

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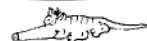
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of Patricia Richard performing "Jazz Gloria" by Natalie Sleeth. The Concert Choir will also perform "The Christmas Song" with the Tri-County Symphonic Band.

The youngsters in the audience will enter a drawing with the winners playing the sleigh bells with the Tri-County Symphonic Band in Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride".

The concert will conclude with a "Christmas Sing-a-long" featuring the Sippican School Concert Choir, followed by a volunteer community band called the "Cottage Street Jam Band", under the direction of Hannah Moore, leading a march from the Sippican School

to Island Wharf to greet Santa as he arrives via "water sleigh".

As the band rounds the corner and jolly Santa's is in sight, he wishes peace to all and to all a good night.

RWC Wreath Scholarship Fundraiser

The Rochester Women's Club Christmas wreath scholarship fundraiser is back. On Saturday **December 4** and Sunday **December 5** The Rochester Women's Club will be selling their hand decorated Holidays wreaths from 10 am to 2 pm.

The wreaths range in price from \$35.00-\$45.00. The club house is located at 37 Marion Road in Rochester. The money raised will go to support the scholarship fund. Each year the Rochester Women's Club awards three scholarships to graduating high school seniors from Rochester. It does not matter where you go to high school if your residence is Rochester Massachusetts you are eligible to apply. Two \$1,000.00 Raymond Hartley Scholarships are awarded to any graduating student going on to college. The "SNOOKIE" is a scholarship awarded to any student seeking a future in the medical field, any medical field. These scholarship applications are available in January of 2022 at all guidance offices. Call 508 322 0998 for more information about the wreath sale

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This years Boutique will be held from 9am-12:30 in the Marion Music Hall.

The Marion Group accepts donations any time of year to help support its town beautification efforts. For more information see: mariongardengroup.org

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Celebrates Advent

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church would like to invite the community to several special. The Holiday Fair will be held on **December 4** from 9 am-1 pm in Reynard Hall with baked goods, handmade craft items including knitted hats, sweaters and shawls as well as handcrafted jewelry and other Christmas décor. The White Gifts Pageant which celebrates the birth of Jesus will be held on Saturday, **December 11** at 4 pm in Reynard Hall with a donation of gift cards collected for needy families in our area. If you are interested in participating by donating a gift card, please contact the church office at mattconchurch@gmail.com or calling



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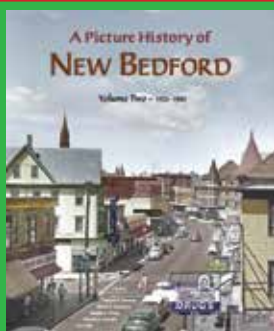
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508-758-2671 for more details. A beautiful Christmas Cantata by the Mattapoisett Congregational Church choir and performers from Seaglass Theater will be held on **December 12** at 10 am in the sanctuary. Every Sunday in Advent will be celebrated with lighting of the Advent candle with a culmination of all the candles being lit on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve Family Service will be held at 5:00 pm and a Candlelight Service with a performance by the Harper and the Minstrel will be held at 10 pm. Everyone is invited to celebrate the Advent season at Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Please see our website at mattapoisettcongregationalchurch.org for more information!

Fire Station Grand Opening

The Town of Mattapoisett and the Mattapoisett Fire Department invite members of the community to join them Saturday, **December 11** at 10:30 am to celebrate the grand opening of the new Fire Station, located at 62 County Road.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:30 am followed by light refreshments and tours of the new station. Residents and members of the community are invited to attend.

The Town will also be accepting donations of new unwrapped toys for local families this holiday season at the event.

Mattapoisett Library December Events

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library has a full slate of programs before the holidays this December. Check out some of the fantastic events we have for children, teens, and adults!

Starting **December 1** through **December 17**, the library would appreciate your donations of supplies for an event. We will gladly take any surplus holiday wrapping paper, bows, ribbon, gift tissue, gift bags, gift boxes, tags and tape.

Storytots story time happens on Thursdays at 10:30 am. This weekly presentation of short stories and songs will end its fall run on Thursday, December 16. Story times will resume in January after the holidays.

Dungeons & Dragons players should register for the two sessions offered on Saturdays, **December 4 and 18** at 1pm. New players are always welcome. Contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org for the details.

Craft Tuesdays at the Makerspace continues with holiday themed crafts every Tuesday in December from 3 to 6pm. Teens and tweens can fashion a quick craft with no registration required.

The Purrington Lecture Series presents Michael

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Tougias on Wednesday, **December 8** at 6:30 pm virtually via Zoom. Tougias will talk about his book, *The Waters Between Us: A Boy, a Father, Outdoor Misadventures, and the Healing Power of Nature*. Anyone interested in attending needs to register through our online calendar of events to get the Zoom link.

The Children's Department is bringing back the popular crafting event, "Make a Candy Lighthouse", on Saturday, **December 11** from 1 to 3pm. Parents need to register their children for one timed session. Space will be limited at each of the four sessions and registration begins on Tuesday, November 23. Adults need to assist children under the age of 5.

The Graphic Novel Book Club, for ages 9 and up, continues with a meeting on Thursday, **December 16** at 3:15 pm to discuss *Ham Helsing #1: Vampire Hunter* by Rich Moyer. Club members will enjoy a snack and an activity along with a short discussion of the book. Register online through our calendar of events to participate and stop by the library to grab a copy of the book once registered.

Well-Read Wednesday, a nonfiction book discussion group for adults, meets on Wednesday, **December 15** at 6:30 pm to discuss Amy Klobuchar's *Antitrust: Taking on Monopoly Power from the Gilded Age to the Digital Age*. Copies of the title are available at the library now. Registration is not required however new members are encouraged to join the email list. Send an email to Jennifer Jones at jjones@sailsinc.org to be added and get updates about this group.

Get into the holiday spirit with a lively presentation of music for the season courtesy of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra Trio. Musicians EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin, Gillian Gallagher, viola, and Peter Zay, cello, will play a selection of holiday music on Friday, **December 17** at 2 pm at the library.


A Gift Wrapping Party will be held on Saturday, **December 18** from 10am to 2pm. Parents or anyone who


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OBITUARIES



Jane F. (Goudreau) Curry, 88, of New Bedford, formerly of Marion, died November 21, 2021 at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. She was the wife of the late Clyde Curry and the daughter of the late Frederick and Mildred (Flanagan) Goudreau.

She was born in Pawtucket, RI and lived in Dover, NH and Marion before moving to New Bedford. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Pawtucket, RI.

Mrs. Curry worked as a Communications Officer for the Federal Government in Vermont for 3 years before retiring.

She enjoyed large family gatherings, visiting with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, playing Bingo, and watching the New England Patriots and QVC.

Survivors include her children, Kevin Curry and his wife Karen of Union, ME, Lori Harrison of East Freetown, Cheryl Stevens and her husband James of West Wareham, Brian Curry and his wife Lynn of Parkland, FL, John Curry and his wife Amy of Bourne and FL and James Curry of West Wareham; many grandchildren and several great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, Steven Curry and her brother, Frederick Goudreau.

Services will be private.



Leo H. Paradis, Jr., 78, of Freetown passed away on Tuesday November 16, 2021 at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Plymouth after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was born on October 14, 1943 in New Bedford, to the late Leo and Alice (Drisdell) Paradis of New Bedford. He lived in Freetown for most of his life.

Leo graduated from Holy Family High School in New Bedford in 1961, earned a Bachelor's degree from Stonehill College in 1965 and his Master's degree in Education from Boston College in 1967.

For a majority of his 39-year teaching career, Leo employed at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, where he taught French and Spanish until his retirement in 2004. From 1979 to 2012 Leo enjoyed organizing educational tours for his students and their families that included trips to Washington DC, New York City, Quebec and parts of Europe. He was also an avid Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots fan.

Leo is survived by his wife, Nancy Paradis; his sons, Shawn Paradis and his wife Lorna from Freetown, and Curt Paradis and his wife Annette from Acushnet; his sister, Noella Minnick and her husband LeRoy from Pearisburg, VA; his granddaughters, Emma and Lindsey Paradis and his grandson, Jacob Paradis; and several nieces and nephews.

All are welcome to attend visiting hours at the

Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett on Monday, December 6, 2021 from 4pm-7pm. There will be a private burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association at www.Alz.org.

Denise W. (Pike) Nunes, 70 of New Bedford and Rochester, passed away Wednesday, November 24, 2021 in Beth Israel Hospital, Plymouth. She was the wife of Charles Nunes, Jr.

Born in Middleboro, a daughter of the late Kenyon C. and Helen F. (Ring) Pike. Denise was a longtime resident of New Bedford and Rochester. She lived most of her life in Rochester where she raised her children. She was a proud stay at home mom and wife, who loved her family dearly, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed movies, soap operas and animals.

In addition to her husband, Denise is survived by her children, Marcy Badillo, Charles, Nunes and Regina Almedia all of New Bedford; her siblings, Kenyon, Debra, Pamela, Geraldine and Dianna; her nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Irene and Gail.

Arrangements are private and in the care of the Rock Funeral Home. To leave a note of condolence: www.rock-funeralhome.com



Charles A. Tavares, D.D.S., 87, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, November 22, 2021. He was the husband of the late Sally Tavares.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late James M. and Bridget (Misiolek) Tavares, he lived in Mattapoisett most of his life.

Charles served in both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy, earning the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He loved his profession of dentistry and enjoyed spending time with his friends and family.

Survivors include his children, Jim Tavares and his wife Yvette of Illinois, Jane Kendall and her husband Kevin of Mattapoisett, and Jennifer Magee of Florida; his grandchildren, Benjamin, John-Henry, Sophia, Stefan Mendell and his wife Rebecca, Lydia Ferreira and her husband Daniel, Brett Kendall, and Molly Magee; and a great-grandchild, Elena Mendell.

His Funeral Mass was held Monday, November 29th, at 10 am at St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett. Private burial followed. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Association. This is a global citizen discussion group designed to educate, encourage debate, and uncover policies related to the chapters in the text.

The topics this year are: Outer Space * Changing Demographics(Bonus Article) * Climate Change*Russia * Myanmar and ASEAN * Quad Alliance * Drug Policy in Latin America * Industrial Policy * Biden's Agenda.

The format of the program is to offer individuals a way to express their opinions, experiences, and thoughts on national and international policies.

Start date will be Wednesday January 19, 2022, at 1:00pm to 3:00pm and will continue each Wednesday for eight weeks until March 9, 2022. The Mattapoisett Library will co-sponsor this program by offering both the Zoom video platform and in person participation.

Each session includes the viewing of a 20 minute DVD film associated with the topic of discussion, that begins sharply at 1:00pm.

Individual price is \$40.00, if two people are sharing one book the price is \$50.00, the fee includes the text, expenses and the price of one shared DVD.

To register you need to send your check with "Great Decisions" listed in the memo along with your name, address, phone number, and email to Mattapoisett Woman's Club Box 1444, Mattapoisett MA 02739. This is a first come first serve registration with a maximum of thirty people, only. The Mattapoisett Woman's club and the Library look forward to your participation.

Wareham Garden Club's Christmas Holly Faire

The Wareham Garden Club's annual faire will take place Saturday, **December 4** from 9am to 1pm at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 82 High Street, Wareham. The Christmas Holly Faire will feature traditional favorites. Member made boxwood "trees", live decorated green wreaths, assorted bundles of greens, table centerpieces, outdoor decorated containers, a craft table and packaged baked goods will be available. Preorders can be made

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Thursday December 2, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Recovery Fitness
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Cranberry Harvest
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Rob Surette SunnySpeak Interview
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society
- The Life of Fred Rogers
3:02 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Mattapoisett Veterans Day 2021
5:00 PM A Conversation With...
5:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimers Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:01 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Talking Trek
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday December 3, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:32 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM Mattapoisett Veterans Day 2021
11:48 AM Author Talks - Kathleen Hickey
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience

2:32 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
3:30 PM Armchair QB
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:30 PM Life's Happy Stories
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Marion's Veterans Day 2021
7:00 PM Rochester COA - Senior Scams
7:30 PM In the Toy Box
8:00 PM Mattapoisett's Veterans Day 2021
8:32 PM The Non-Profit World
9:00 PM Pete on the Street
9:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday December 4, 2021

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM Health Source
9:32 AM Recovery Fitness
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:03 AM Wellness Wednesday
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Garden Talk with Teresa
2:41 PM Hollywood Costume Designer
3:30 PM Inspiring Careers
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Libraries in the Modern Day
5:12 PM Car Enthusiasts
5:30 PM For Art's Sake
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Brass Quartet @ The Marion COA
7:30 PM Off the Shelf
8:00 PM City Hall Insider
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Registers Report
9:31 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday December 5, 2021

6:00 AM Health Source
6:35 AM The Art of Tai Chi
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human
8:00 AM Mattapoisett

Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Andrew Santos
2:30 PM ORRHs Volleyball Championship vs Dennis-Yarmouth
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
5:00 PM The World Fusion Show
5:30 PM In the Toy Box
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimers Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:01 PM This is America & The World
7:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
8:02 PM Reel Smah
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Fan to Fan
9:30 PM Books and the World
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday December 6, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Expert
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM Arts Alive
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Mattapoisett Library - Rare Books
5:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
7:00 PM City Hall Insider
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis

8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday December 7, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM You and Your Health
8:30 AM Health Expert
9:07 AM Wellness Wednesday
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM A Cranberry Harvest
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:38 PM Garden Therapy Teas and Oils
2:07 PM The Non-Profit World
2:30 PM Garden Talk with Teresa
3:11 PM Car Enthusiasts
3:30 PM Life's Happy Stories
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM Reel Smah
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:35 PM Off the Shelf
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Money Matters TV
7:30 PM Fall River Symphony Orchestra - October 2021
8:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
9:00 PM Talking Trek
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday December 8, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Wellness Wednesdays
3:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19

Update
3:35 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocass
4:30 PM ORRHs Volleyball Championship vs Dennis-Yarmouth
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:03 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Seaweed
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION

GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Marion Planning Board
8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
1:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
2:00 PM Marion Board of Health
3:00 PM Marion School Committee
4:30 PM Marion Town Meeting - October 19th, 2021
6:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
6:30 PM ORR School Committee
9:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:30 PM Marion Planning Board
10:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission

ROCHESTER

GOVERNMENT

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Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectman
9:37 AM Rochester Special Town Meeting - October 18, 2021
10:15 AM Rochester Planning Board
12:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
1:00 PM ORR School Committee

3:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
5:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman
6:07 PM Rochester Special Town Meeting - October 18, 2021
6:45 PM Rochester Planning Board - October 26, 2021
8:30 PM Rochester Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
9:30 PM ORR School Committee

EDUCATION

CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORRHs FORM Choral Concert
8:31 AM RMS Holiday Concert 2019
9:30 AM Sippican Holiday Concert
10:00 AM On Stage Christmas Show 2020
10:30 AM Center School Holiday Show
11:02 AM RMS - Parent Questions and Answers
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Old Colony Graduation 2021
1:30 PM Old Colony Robotics Competition 2019
2:00 PM Old Colony - Jungle Book Play
3:00 PM Old Colony - STEM Day
3:30 PM ORRHs Northeast Metro Tech - November 6, 2021
5:00 PM ORRHs Girls Soccer vs Seekonk - September 27, 2021
6:30 PM ORR Ice Hockey vs Dartmouth - February 16, 2021
7:45 PM ORRHs 2020 Varsity Sports Honors
8:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
8:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame with Buddy Thomas
9:00 PM ORR School Committee - October 20, 2021
11:30 PM Marion School Committee - October 13, 2021

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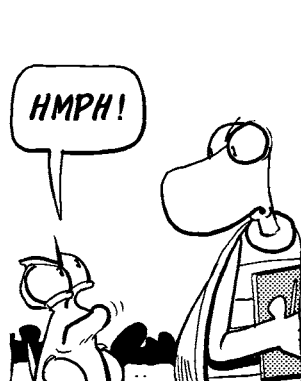
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON

by J.P. Toomey



by contacting Judy, chair of the faire, at 508-273-7867. The Wareham Garden Club's fundraiser's help support their numerous civic beautification projects, educational events, monthly garden therapy at the Wareham Council on Aging and funds their annual scholarships to local deserving students. The club meets the second Thursday of each month September to June and encourages prospective new members to attend a meeting. For membership information, please contact Carole LaFreniere at 508-291-4151 or email the club at warehamgardenclubma@gmail.com.

MWC 2nd Holiday Wreath and Greens Sale Pop-Up

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club Members are hard at work creating one-of-a-kind designs for their second annual Holiday Wreath and Greens Sale, a pop-up event on Saturday, **December 4** from 10am to 2pm in the parking lot between Ying Dynasty and Jack's Kitchen, 22 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. The sale will feature a variety of decorated fresh wreaths, swags, and holiday centerpieces, plus bunched greens. The MWC limited edition notecards and postcards featuring Mattapoisett scenes will be available for purchase at the sale and online.

Last year all items sold very quickly. Shoppers are encouraged to be there for the opening bell. When everything is gone, the sale is over. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

The proceeds from the sale support the Mattapoisett Woman's Club Scholarship Fund and other philanthropic projects in the community. The rain date is Sunday, December 5, 10 to 2pm.

Rochester Historical Society Holiday Concert

The Rochester Historical Society is inviting everyone to a Holiday Concert with music played on our rare Vocalion Organ on **December 12** at 2:00pm. Refreshments will be served after the concert and the only admittance fee is an unwrapped item for a child or teen.

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Clinic

The Marion Board of Health with the help of Marion EMS will be hosting a Moderna Covid-19 Booster Clinic for those who received two doses of Moderna vaccine at least 6 months ago. The clinic will be held on Wednesday, **December 8** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center – Indoors, 465 Mill Street (Route 6)

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The clinic will be indoors. Please wear a short sleeve shirt. There are a limited number of doses available. You will need to pre-register if you would like to attend. Use the link provided to register for the clinic. You will need your insurance card and the date of your last vaccine for registration. If you have any questions or need assistance with registration contact Maureen at the Board of Health 508-748-3530.


Good Shepherd Christmas Fair

The Annual Christmas Fair at the Church of The Good Shepherd, 74 High Street, Wareham, will be held on Saturday, **December 4** from 9-2pm. There will be baked goods, children's gift room, crafts, gift baskets, jewelry, raffle, scarves, spice table, and used Christmas decorations. Come and get in the spirit of the holiday and help support the many outreach programs at Good Shepherd.

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By Connie Eshbach


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MOVIE REVIEW

Past Grief

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Belfast*. Starring Caitriona Balfe and Ciarán Hinds. Directed by Kenneth Branagh. Running time: 97 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.**

In his autobiographical film *Belfast*, writer-director Kenneth Branagh has a lot to say about the transporting power of movies, *Star Trek*, and the loveliness of a smart girl in one's classroom. The movie is filmed in nostalgic black and white except for the opening and closing images and whenever we get a peek at whatever movie is playing at the cinema when the young hero Buddy (Jude Hill) is brought there. One such trip finds Buddy and his family taking in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and the effect of the flying car swooping off a cliff and into the oceanside air makes everyone lean forward in their seats. In his own films since 1989, Branagh has chased that intoxicating mix of awe and engagement, and has sometimes caught it. But he doesn't do it here.

As it happens, *Belfast* — told through the eyes of nine-year-old Buddy — has little to say about Belfast. It seems a humble place where everyone knows each other; a chorus of chipper voices alert Buddy when his Ma (Caitriona Balfe) calls him in for tea. But it's also a place increasingly riven by tensions between Protestants and Catholics; Buddy and his family are the former, and his Pa (Jamie Dornan) is under pressure from local louts to take a (violent) stand against the latter. Pa has also been offered work, and a better house, in England. Ma doesn't want to leave. After all, their lives are in Belfast, as well as Buddy's grandmother (Judi Dench) and ailing grandfather (Ciarán Hinds).

What the place doesn't have is specificity; some of the movie was actually filmed in Belfast, but it might as well be a backlot. Branagh is competing here with some heavy hitters even in relatively recent years — say, Neil Jordan's *The Butcher Boy* (1997) or Alan Parker's *Angela's Ashes* (1999). Those films (and the books they came from) found unstable comedy or unbearable tragedy — on occasion both at once — in the traumas of the Irish childhoods in which they immersed us. Branagh's *Belfast* feels lightweight other




than the early set-piece of rioters' chaos, which in itself just seems like an event to get our attention quickly. That attention soon dissipates when we're asked to focus on tribulations not particular to the Troubles — the father running afoul of the tax man; Buddy trying to get his maths grades up so he can sit next to his beloved.

Branagh may be saying that despite the unique clashes of Belfast, it was largely peopled by folks who worried about the same things most of us do (in addition to fretting about being in the wrong place when the bricks flew). But if we go to *Belfast* hoping for insight into how a little Belfast lad went on to glory in theater and film, eventually being knighted, we may leave empty-handed. About the only hints of Branagh's future endeavors are a quick shot of an Agatha Christie novel and an eye-rolling bit with Buddy leafing through an issue of *Thor* (Branagh has directed movies in both universes). The theme song from *High Noon* seems to cast a longer shadow over Branagh's memories than Shakespeare.


I wasn't hoping for Easter eggs here — more like elements that would have made this resound as Branagh's Belfast rather than anyone's Belfast. The incidents here, including a sequence in which Buddy nicks a box of washing powder from a store in the throes of looting, feel remote and anodyne. To us, the wrestling over whether to leave the increasingly explosive Belfast isn't a struggle at all — get the hell out. Instead of making us mourn the city, Branagh resorts to making us mourn for poor old Judi Dench left on her own. Aside from a charming little dance between her and Ciarán Hinds, Dench is kept too steadily in the background to embody the land, its joys and discontents. But Caitriona Balfe takes over, as mothers in Irish tales often do, and it's she whose sadness makes the strongest case for the continuity of place. All Branagh can do is make us yearn for a time when a poverty-stricken family of five could still afford a matinee show.

museum, a church built in 1857, the same is true. It often seems that as soon as one repair job is done, another appears. We replaced the roof around 10 yrs. ago, paying for it one cupcake at a time and with help from George Church, but just this past year, more roof work needed to be done. Then there's the woodpecker who has no respect for an historic building and keeps Art busy patching holes.

One job that had been put off for years was cleaning out the heating vents. Several years ago a company was hired to blow them out. They did a great job and in the process made an interesting discovery in the cold air return grate in front of the pulpit. The find included documents from the church's early days prior to 1880; a small (almost locket sized) picture of

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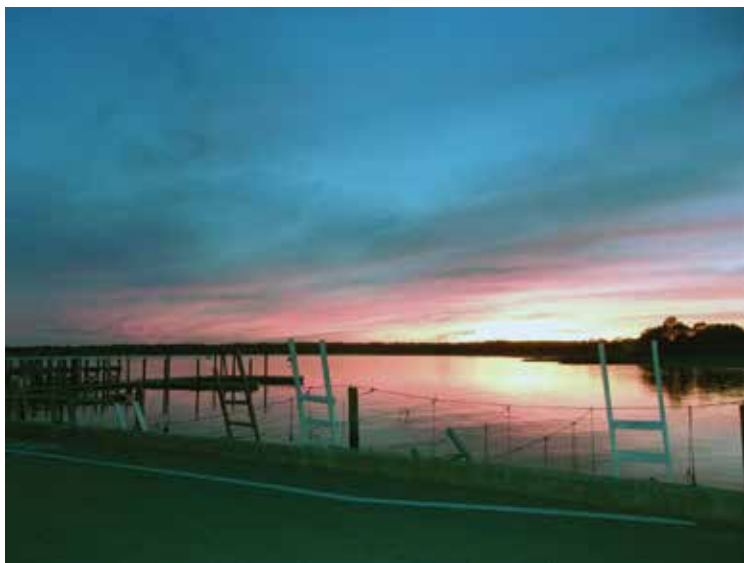
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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Sunset over Mattapoissett Harbor. Photo by Rob Grant



A photo of the beautiful flowers in the halls at Village Court. They continue to bloom in the hallways year-round. Photo courtesy of Deb Silva



The Festival of Trees opened on November 27 with a reception at the Cushing Community Center on Route 6 in Marion. Sponsored by the Friends of Marion Council on Aging, the event showcased 14 decorated Christmas trees, along with an artisan sale, music, refreshments and a raffle for over 10 gift baskets. For more information about the Festival of Trees, call Karen Gregory at 508-748-3570. Photos by Mick Colageo and Marilou Newell

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J. Madison Mayall and his personal hymn book labeled "Meth. Prot. Hymn Book".

Our building was first organized as a Methodist Church with 50 members. It remained as such for about a quarter of a century and Mayall was the 3rd pastor. In the 1880's a schism occurred among the congregants which caused most to leave to start a new church at a different location.

The remaining 6 members reorganized as the East Rochester Congregational Church in 1887. It remained that way until with a dwindling population, the building was sold to the Rochester Historical Society in 2003 for \$1.00. Under the care of the Society, it has become a museum with the upstairs unchanged from its days as a church that was built in the Greek Revival style, popular in New England in the 19th century. In 2007, after a lot of hard work on the part of Betty Beaulieu, the church was placed on the National Register of Historical Places (the woodpecker hasn't been impressed by that).

Two other items were also found in the grate. They were election flyers from the 1800's. On one titled the Union Ticket, James Ruggles was running for Town Clerk and Theophilus King was running for Treasurer and Collector. On the 2nd one King was then running for Town Clerk. The records show that both men served did

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Mattapoissett Lions Club is pleased to announce the local winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. From left: 1st place Ben Silva, 2nd place Madeline Gendreau and 3rd place Drew Butler. Honorable mention goes to: Isabella Perez-Dormitzer, Bobby Calder, and Grace Victoria. Photo courtesy of Mattapoissett Lions Club



After Sunday's 10:00 am service at Saint Gabriel's Church in Marion, families and friends used the coffee hour to make Advent wreaths. Grandchildren, grandparents, couples and kids all had fun making their wreaths. An Advent wreath is a circle of greenery with four candles. The candles represent the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. As it was the first Sunday of Advent, so we lit the first candle. An additional candle is lit each successive Sunday to celebrate Advent. This is something that traditionally takes place in church, but Father Eric Fialho thought it would be nice for members of the church to make their own wreaths to celebrate the Advent season at home. Photo courtesy of Tanya Ambrosi



Thank you to students in the Old Rochester Regional High School Community Service Learning Club and the Environmental Club for picking up trash around the perimeter of the school - they collected a few trash barrels full. They also spent time after school planting tulip bulbs to enjoy in the spring and winter greens for our entrance. Photos courtesy of Karan Browning

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

serve as Town Clerks for Rochester.

Applications for Affordable Homeownership Opportunity

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity announces that applications are available now for two 3-bedroom Habitat for Humanity duplex-style homes for purchase on Sodom Road, Westport, MA. The application deadline is December 23.

Applicant households must be income eligible (families must fall into the following guidelines: 30% to 60% of the area median income as adjusted by household size.

Two-person household - \$20,800 to \$41,520; three-person household - \$23,400 to \$46,740; four-person household - \$25,950 to \$51,900; five-person household - \$28,050 to \$56,100; and six-person household - \$30,150 to \$60,240.

Applicants must live or work in our service area (Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham, and Westport), have a critical need for a decent affordable home, be "willing to partner" with Habitat in the construction of their home (i.e., work side-by-side for minimum of 300 sweat equity hours with the construction volunteers or serve the affiliate in other ways), and have the ability to make a monthly mortgage payment estimated to be between \$950 to \$1,150, which includes escrow for taxes and homeowner's insurance. There would be an additional estimated condo fee of \$120.

General information about applying for a Habitat home is available on the website: www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org.

Call: 508-758-4517 prior to arrange to dial into the meeting.

Applications may be requested by calling the Habitat office at 508-758-4517 or emailing BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com to have an



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Seeking Mattapoisett Gardens

Mattapoisett gardeners, do you have a garden you'd like to share with others for part of the day on **June 25, 2022**? Mattapoisett residents, do you have a garden to recommend that you've always wanted to see?

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club Garden Group is seeking local gardens for their June 2022 Garden Tour. If you are interested in having your garden on the tour, please contact Kathy McAuliffe by email at



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Nov 21-Nov 27

- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Spring St – General service
- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- Converse Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Derby Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Abandoned property
- Holly Pond Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Animal complaint
- Field Stone Ln – Suspicious person
- Oak Ave - Fire
- South St – General service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Pumping Station Rd – MV collision
- Tucker Ln - Transport
- 195 West – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – Animal complaint
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/citation
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Rocky Knook Ln – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Ichabod Ln – Suspicious MV
- Point Rd – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Nov 21-Nov 27

- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Pine Rd – B&E
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Ridgewood Dr - Disturbance
- Acushnet Rd – Assist other agency
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – Medical
- Angelica Ave – Health/welfare
- Park Pl – Summons service
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – 911 call
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Depot St - Complaint
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – MV crash
- Neds Point Rd - Vandalism
- North St - Disturbance
- Pine Rd – Suspicious persons
- Industrial Dr - Trespassing
- Knollwood Dr – Assist other agency
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious MV
- Pine Island Rd – MV lockout
- Pine Island Rd – Medical/assist
- Justin Ave – Health/welfare
- Crestfield St - Vandalism
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- River Rd - MV crash
- I195 West -Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious MV
- Justin Ave – Health/welfare
- Dyar Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Nov 21-Nov 27

- Walnut Plain Rd - Medical
- Braley Hill Rd - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd - Medical
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave - Medical
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Mattapoissett Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – General service
- County Rd – Erratic MV
- Gerrish Rd – Outside fire
- High St – Assist other agency
- Marion Rd – MV stop/warning
- Rouseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Neck Rd - Medical
- North St – Erratic MV
- Walnut Plain Rd – Erratic MV
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mattapoissett Rd – Burglar alarm
- Horse Neck Rd – Assist other agency
- Snipatuit Rd - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/warning
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 6: Chicken cacciatore, Italian penne, Genoa blend, multigrain bread, pineapple
Tuesday, Dec 7: Beef chili, fluffy rice, corn bread, fresh clementine
Wednesday, Dec 8: Pork w/ rosemary gravy, au gratin potatoes, winter blend vegetables, oatmeal bread, prepackaged cookie, diet: low sugar cookie
Thursday, Dec 9: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, flavored applesauce
Friday, Dec 10: Crustless chicken pie, garlic mashed potatoes, biscuit, pears

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 6: Cheese burger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Dec 7: Shepards pie, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, Dec 8: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup,

tator tots, cheese stick, cinnamon spiced apples
Thursday, Dec 9: Mac & cheese w/warm pretzel, mixed vegetables
Friday, Dec 10: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad, dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 6: Cheese burger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Dec 7: Shepards pie, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, Dec 8: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick, cinnamon spiced apples
Thursday, Dec 9: Mac & cheese w/warm pretzel, mixed vegetables
Friday, Dec 10: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad, dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 6: Cheese burger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, baked

beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Dec 7: Shepards pie, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, Dec 8: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick, cinnamon spiced apples
Thursday, Dec 9: Mac & cheese w/warm pretzel, mixed vegetables
Friday, Dec 10: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad, dressing, chilled mixed fruit

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Dec 6: Cheese burger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Dec 7: Shepards pie, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, Dec 8: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick, cinnamon spiced apples
Thursday, Dec 9: Mac & cheese w/warm pretzel, mixed vegetables
Friday, Dec 10: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad,

dressing, chilled mixed fruit

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 6: Cheese burger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Dec 7: Shepards pie, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, Dec 8: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick, cinnamon spiced apples
Thursday, Dec 9: Mac & cheese w/warm pretzel, mixed vegetables
Friday, Dec 10: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad, dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Dec 6: Shepherds's pie & dinner roll
Tuesday, Dec 7: Macaroni & cheese and bread stick
Wednesday, Dec 8: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies
Thursday, Dec 9: Italian sub & fries
Friday, Dec 10: Assorted pizza

kathymcauliffe7@gmail.com.

On the day of the tour, ticketholders are invited to view gardens selected for a variety of gardening styles from formal to informal, woodsy to cottage-style, seaside to secluded. The gardens usually highlight the use of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, shrubs, trees, and even beautiful container plantings. The locations of the garden are revealed on a map the day of the tour.

The proceeds of the garden tour will benefit the Mattapoisett Woman's Club Scholarship Fund. The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is always open to new members from the South Coast area. For more information and a membership application, please see the Club's website: www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org/members/.

Preschool Screening Clinic Scheduled

The Old Rochester Regional School District will be holding its annual screening clinic for 3- and 4-year-olds on Wednesday, **January 26, 2022**, at Center School and on Thursday, **March 10, 2022**, at Sippican School.

The screening clinics are a service to young children and their families in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. The screening will look at social-emotional skills, cognitive development, speech and language development, physical development, vision, and hearing.

If you question your child's development in any of these areas, please contact Doreen Lopes at 508-758-2772 ext. 1948 or Cris Salvador at ext. 1942 or email doreenlopes@oldrochester.org for further information or to schedule a screening appointment.

Mattapoisett Boy Scouts

The new Scouting year is underway for Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop 53! Come check out Scouting. We offer activities including biking, kayaking, hiking, climbing, and fun monthly campouts and more. We are looking for boys ages 11 to 17 to join us for



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MNHM After School Program

Marion Natural History Museum Fall 2021 after school programs include:

December 15 – Holiday party – Let's have fun together designing gifts with natural and recycled craft materials. Bring your unique artistic talents and let's make some gifts for the holidays. Depending on health restrictions at that time, we hope to be offering snacks and drinks to fuel your creative efforts.

Programs are \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. To register for these programs, please visit www.marionmuseum.org.

Marion Cultural Council Seeks Volunteers

Are you interested in supporting local cultural events in Marion? Have you considered serving on a board and helping to determine how to disperse funds for cultural events? The Marion Cultural Council is looking for up to five volunteers interested in serving as voting members who can help share ideas and knowledge when making determinations of how funding for the cultural

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OVERTHINKING
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ACROSS

- 1 Curved like a pothook
8 Some Algonquians
14 Gushes lava
20 Cartoon cel material
21 Bassett of Hollywood
22 Witch's elixir
23 Start of a riddle
25 Shoe-collecting Marcos
26 State whose cap. is Boise
27 Company that retails outdoor gear
28 FDR follower
30 Gather, as a harvest
31 Pooch's yap
32 Riddle, part 2
39 Free of charge, as legal services
41 Make knotted
42 Large simian
43 Stroke gently
44 Riddle, part 3
48 Right wrongs
49 Genesis game system maker
50 Egg, formally
54 "Cool beans!"

DOWN

- 57 Lenin's land: Abbr.
60 Tubular pasta
64 Part of REO
65 Riddle, part 4
70 — kwon do
71 "Toyboat" singer Yoko
72 Caravan layover locale
73 See 112-Across
74 Gift for music
75 Riddle, part 5
79 Ho-hum
80 Like gear that quells mobs
81 English lav
82 Chair fixer of a sort
83 Bug spray ingredient
84 Auction, e.g.
88 Oscar winner Mercedes
91 Riddle, part 6
100 Toby drink
103 Zodiac lion
104 Hocus-pocus
105 Big retail stores
106 End of the riddle
110 Nibble on
111 Be furious
112 With 73-Across, fluorescent paint brand

DOWN

- 113 Pampering, in brief
114 Pal, to Yves
115 Demonstrate clearly
117 Riddle's answer
125 Bleep bad words from
126 Warning on an airplane wing
127 Earhart or Lindbergh
128 Tramps (on)
129 Sub-locating devices
130 Greek

DOWN

- 1 Looked at
2 Apollo 7 astronaut Wally
3 Go toward
4 "— girl!" ("All right!")
5 Dads
6 Verb ending in the Bible
7 "Gloria in Excelsis —"
8 Guy's sense of self-importance
9 Neighbor of Michigan
10 Entertainer's rep.
11 "Ho-hum"

DOWN

- 12 Land in la mer
13 Voice a quick greeting
14 Inscription on a tombstone
15 — -com (film genre)
16 In — (gestating)
17 Make a heap
18 Up till now
19 Talk testily to
24 Hi-tech address
29 Salty expanses
31 Many an iDevice game
32 The Lone Ranger's chum
33 Gung-ho for
34 Hamlet
35 Operates, as a booth
36 Northwestern French department
37 Many a YouTube journal
38 Pollen transporter
40 Triumphs over
45 Lifesaver, perhaps
46 Football field unit

DOWN

- 47 Kind of IRA
51 Determine by ballot
52 Nervousness
53 It shows reflections
54 Passable
55 Comedian Boosler
56 "— Fideles" (Yule carol)
58 Atop
59 Doe's partner
61 "Othello" role
62 Wide divide
63 Earlier
65 Italian for "years"
66 "Dumb" bird
67 Suffix with 45-Down
68 Stringed instrument of yore
69 Canadian gas station
71 Atop, to poets
76 Essential part
77 Potential reply to "Who's there?"
78 Shredded
79 Round of gunfire
82 Lay's snacks
85 Oscar's kin
86 Hop

DOWN

- 87 Corporate ID
89 Takes unfair advantage of
90 Girl in a J.D. Salinger story
92 Part of REO
93 Hands down, as a verdict
94 Cato's robe
95 More wee
96 Lugs around
97 Recluse under a religious vow
98 Person acting as a link
99 China's Sun — -sen
100 Influence
101 Shutter slat
102 Ferret cousin
107 High-IQ group
108 Sacred songs
109 Outer: Prefix
114 Central Asia's — Sea
116 Flaky fish
118 Winning row in tic-tac-toe
119 Rival of AOL or Yahoo!
120 NYC rail and bus org.
121 "That'll show ya!"
122 Adam's woman
123 Petroleum
124 Three, in Italy

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep those sharp Sheep eyes focused on a hazy situation. As things begin to clear up, you'll find a sharper picture emerging, showing something you'll need to know.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Watch your expenses through the end of the month. Later, you'll be glad to have extra money to pay for something that will make an acquisitive Bovine's heart beat faster.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're now ready to make that oft-deferred commitment, if you still believe it's what you want. Don't be afraid to change your mind if you feel you should go in another direction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Now that you are moving on with your life after that recent disappointment, how about reactivating your travel plans and taking someone special along with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Many new friends come into your personal life, which suits all of you social Lions just fine. However, one new friend might make demands that you could find difficult to deal with.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Communication doesn't exist unless it's two-way. So, if you're getting no replies to the signals you're sending, it could be time to look for someone more receptive.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A workplace complication that you thought was ironed out develops new wrinkles that need attention. Meanwhile, expect continuing improvement in your home life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A tense personal problem needs to be talked out before someone decides to walk out. Resist making decisions until full explanations are offered from both sides.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A technological glitch that caused problems recently will soon be repaired, and life can return to normal. A colleague has a surprising message to deliver.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your partner might feel that you haven't been as open with him or her as you should be. Deal with this now, before it turns into something more difficult to handle.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Many of the stumbling blocks that affected the progress of some of your career projects are fading away. Things also start to look up on the home front.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You'll need that strong Piscean pluck to get through waters that will be turbulent for a while. A more positive aspect soon emerges, along with some welcome news.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are zealous in the pursuit of truth. You would make an excellent research scientist.

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council is dispensed.

Please contact Kristen Saint Don, chairperson of the Marion Cultural Council, with any questions about becoming a member. MarionCulturalCouncil@gmail.com.

Applications to serve are available at the Select Board office on the town website. Please submit a letter of interest or completed application to the Marion Cultural Council, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA, 02738.

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra

Individual concert tickets are now on sale for the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's 2021-2022 season. Ticket prices range from \$10 - \$65, with student tickets always \$5. Purchase tickets online through the NBSO website (www.nbsymphony.org) or by calling the Zeiterion box office at 508-994-2900. In addition, the NBSO offers several discounted subscription options for three or more concerts. Subscription packages are available for purchase through the NBSO website or by calling the NBSO at 508-999-6276.

The NBSO is thrilled to invite you back to your seat in the historic Zeiterion Performing Arts Center as they embark on their 2021-2022 musical voyage! The season offers a lineup of star soloists – Karen Gomyo, Vadim Gluzman, Pinchas Zukerman, Amanda Forsyth, and Mikaela Bennett – and features the music of the great masters of the past, such as Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Berlioz, Sibelius, Respighi, Gershwin, and Ellington; plus the masters of our time – Adolphus Hailstork, Jesse Montgomery, Clarice Assad, Derrick Skye, and NBSO principal trumpet, Andrew Sorg.

NBSO 2021-2022 Season:

- Holiday Pops Family Concert: Saturday, **December 11**, 3:30 and 7:00 pm
- Rituals: Saturday, **January 8**, 7:30 pm
- Hollywood Pops Movie Night: Saturday, **February 19**, 7:30 pm
- Hallucinations: Saturday, **April 16**, 7:30 pm
- Prohibition: Saturday, **May 14**, 7:30 pm

For more details, visit www.nbsymphony.org. All performances will take place at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in downtown New Bedford. Convenient concert parking is available in the Z garage. Prior to most performances, Music Director Yaniv Dinur will present a free pre-concert talk; please refer to the NBSO website for dates and times.

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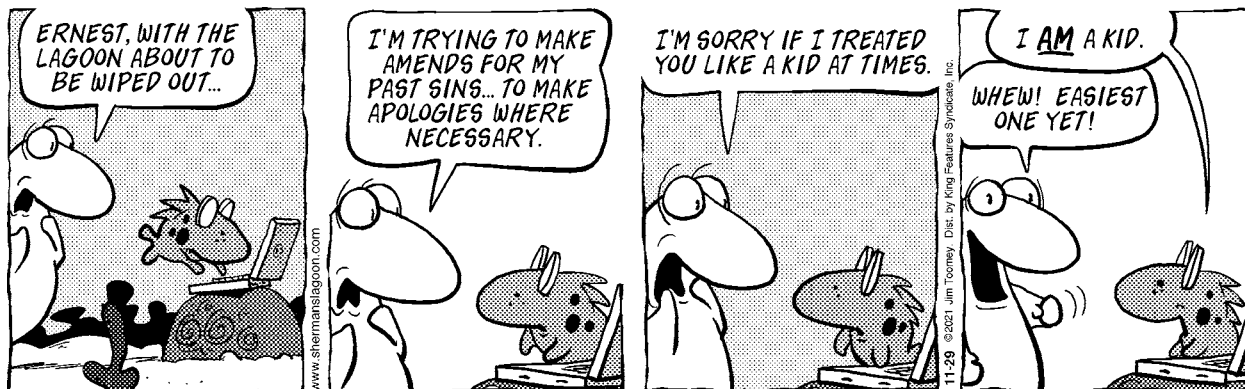


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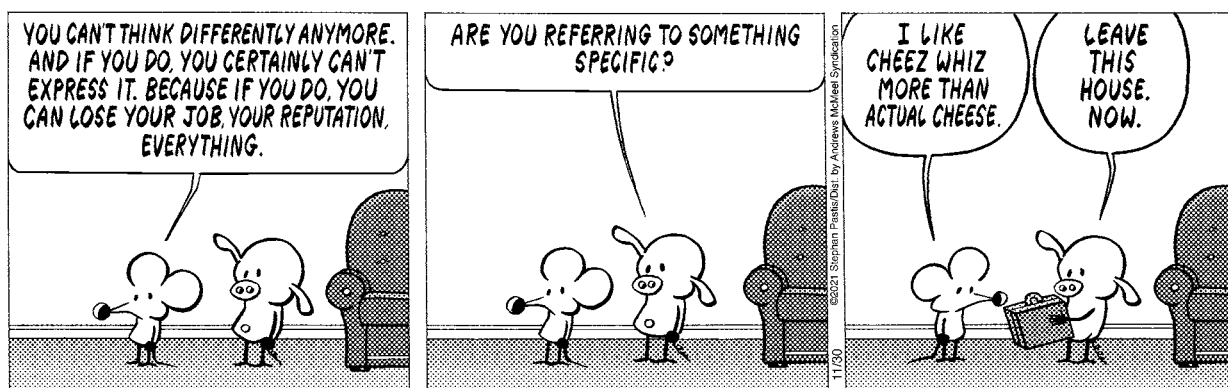
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<p>TOWN OF MARION INVITATION TO BID PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>The Town of Marion, acting through the Office of the Town Administrator/CPO, invites bids for Marion Town House First Floor HVAC Upgrade project. Bid specifications are available on the Town of Marion website at marionma.gov or by contacting the office of the Town Administrator.</p> <p>Qualified persons or firms are requested to submit bids to the Town Administrator, Two Spring St., Marion, MA 02738. General Bids will be received until Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 2pm and publicly opened forthwith and read aloud. Filed Sub-bids will be received until Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 2pm and publicly opened forthwith and read aloud. The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to waive any defects, informalities, and minor irregularities; to accept exceptions to these specifications; to award contracts or to cancel this Invitation to Bid if it is in the Town's best interest to do so.</p> <p>James McGrail, Town Administrator/CPO 11/25, 12/2</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Notice of Intent submitted by David Ricci for Cove Street, Mattapoisett, MA as shown on Assessor's Map 1, Lot 4. The applicant proposes to construct a two (2)</p>	<p>car parking area on a separate lot across the travelled way from a proposed single-family dwelling. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 12/2</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm. This meeting is IN PERSON.</p> <p>Case #1485: Application of: Edwin & Helen Sargent, 3 Oakland Way, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE:3 Oakland Way. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 3.1.2.2 & 3.1.2.3 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to put an addition on an existing house. The property is further described as Plot 8, Lot59, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 16, 2021</p> <p>Case #1486: Application of: Daniel Quinn & Lee Kaukas, 76 Church Street, Winchester, MA 01890. RE:3 Hamlin Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 3.1.2.1 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to reconstruct and expand an existing front porch. The property is further described as Plot 7, Lot 75, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 16,</p>	<p>2021</p> <p>Case #1487: Application of: Randall Lane, LLC., P.O. Box 1320, Portsmouth, NH 03802. RE: 0 Randall Lane. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 9.4.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a proposed 7.3 MW DC ground mounted photovoltaic array.</p> <p>The property is further described as Plot 21, Lot 7,6,40, and 106, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, December 16, 2021</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Mary Anne Brogan, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Anthony Tranfaglia 12/2, 12/9</p> <hr/> <p>Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p>

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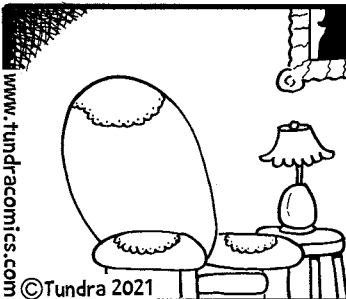
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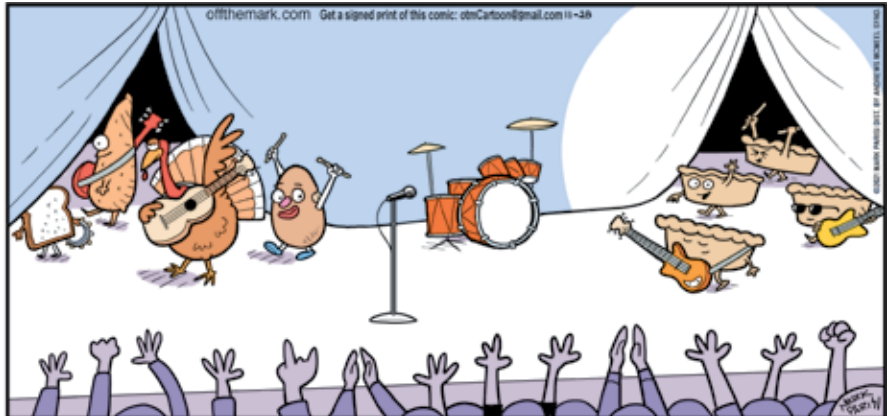
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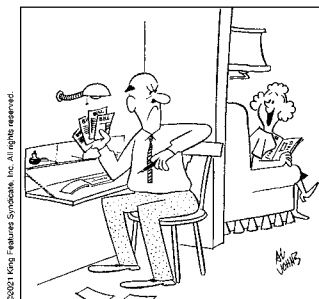
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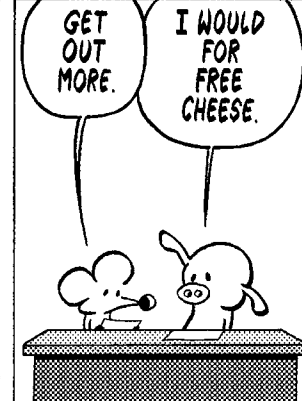
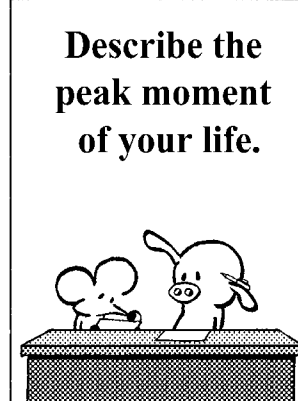
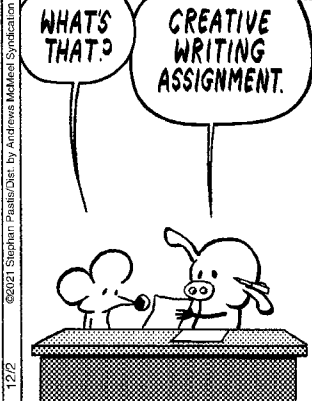
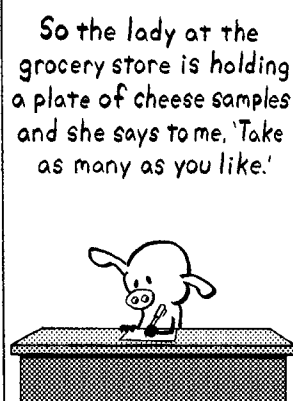
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Courtney Rezendes	December 6
Evelyn Jenks	December 6
Justin Ziobro	December 6
Molly Kracke	December 6
Raymond C. Daggett	December 6
Scott Anderson	December 6
Madison Luebke	December 7
Alycyn Breland	December 8
Drew Thomas	December 8
Scott Kellogg	December 8

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information on line to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



all medications, needles, and syringes help to prevent accidents or misuse. These items should always be stored in a secure location, out of sight and out of reach of children. To assist you with safe storage in the home, lockboxes can be purchased at your local pharmacy or retail store such as CVS, Walgreens, or Rite Aid.

For more information, please contact the Mattapoisett Police Department at 508-758-4141 (Non-Emergency), or the Public Health Nurse at 508-758-4118.

Thank you for your help in protecting our community by safely storing and disposing of your medications, needles, and syringes.

Red Cross Volunteers Needed

There are many ways our Red Cross volunteers are involved and give back to the community. They help canteen for our brave first responders, and keep you hydrated during a local road race or even a Cape Cod Baseball League game on a hot summer day. We have blood service volunteers that help us fill this critical lifesaving need for blood. There are opportunities to

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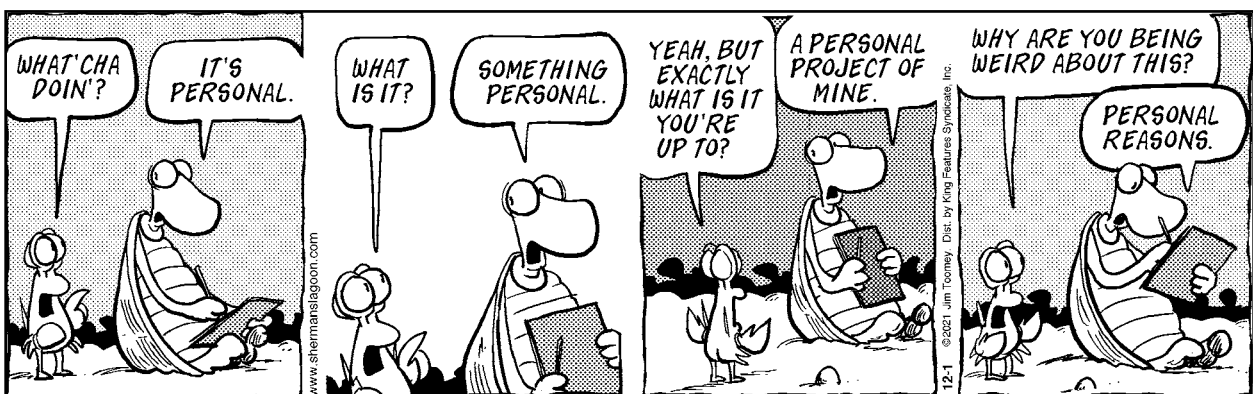
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For Mattapoisett
Volunteers Urgently Needed

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J.P. Toomey



volunteer to service to our Armed Forces, Youth Services, and Health and Safety Preparedness, Communication volunteers, Administrative Support – there are so many ways to serve. Our Disaster Action Team (DAT) members help those in crisis: when disaster strikes, the Red Cross is always there. These wonderful volunteers are not only here for our local communities, but for those in other areas of the country and the globe that need assistance – everything from flooding, fires, natural disasters, and more. We are looking for all these types of volunteers, people just like you and me who want to help. Don't worry, we provide training and you will be ready and confident in your skills to serve in the best capacity. We can't wait until you join our team.

And it's so easy. Simply go online to www.redcross.org/ma/hyannis and click on "Volunteer" to sign up today for our local Cape, Islands, and Southeast Mass Chapter. We serve Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Plymouth, and Bristol Counties in Southeast Mass.

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FISH - Friends In Service Helping

Friends In Service Helping has been in operation in Mattapoisett since 1969. We provide rides to medical appointments for elderly residents who cannot drive anymore. We service Mattapoisett residents with transportation from their homes to Wareham, Marion, Fairhaven, New Bedford, and Dartmouth, as well as right

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PRIVATE ROADS THAT NEED TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION
PRIOR TO SNOW PLOWING FOR THE 2021/2022
SEASON.**

Private Road trimming is the responsibility of the Property Owners of that Private Road.
Trees & shrubs must be cut back 2 feet from the edge of the road and 12 feet in height to provide clearance for plows and emergency vehicles.
The Town of Mattapoisett Highway Department does not provide trimming services to private roads.

For snow plowing information please call The Highway Department at (508)-758-4181,
Monday thru Friday,
7AM – 3:30PM.

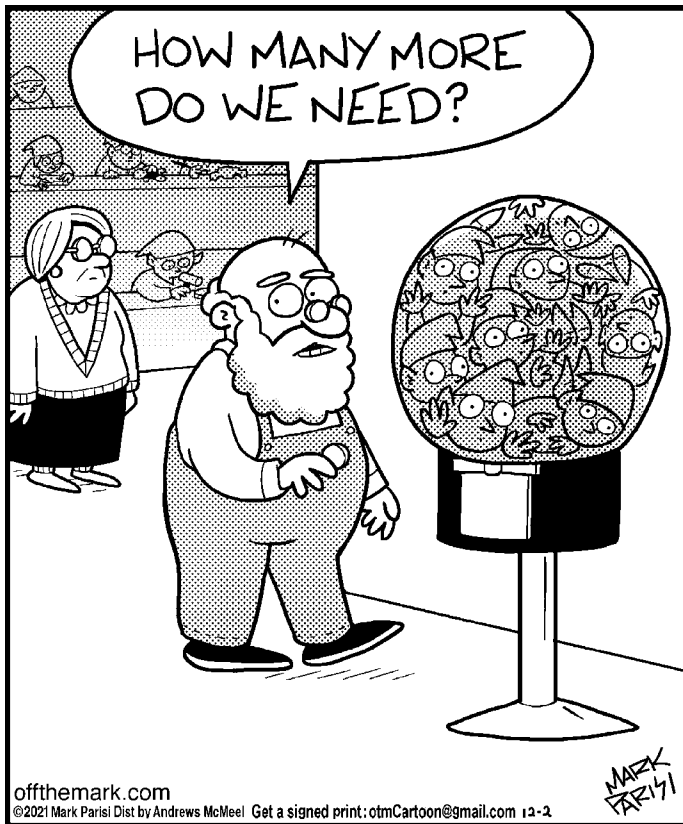
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Private Road	Corrective Action	Cost of Material
BARLOW LN	TREES IN CUL-DE-SAC NEED TRIM	N/A
BAY RD – PC	NEEDS GRADING	\$250
BAY VIEW AVE – CD	NEEDS GRADING	\$25
BEACH RD – PC	NEEDS GRADING	\$50
DUPONT DR – S	NEEDS GRADING	\$50
HIGHLAND AVE – PC	NEEDS GRADING	\$70
HOLMES RD	NEEDS GRADING & TRIMMING	\$40
OCEAN DR – N	NEEDS GRADING	\$50
OLIVER ST – MARSDEN CT	NEEDS GRADING	\$125
PINE RD – PC	NEEDS GRADING	\$50
PLEASANT VIEW AVE	NEEDS GRADING AT END	\$50
PORT WAY	NEEDS GRADING	\$25
RANDALL LN	NEEDS GRADING	\$100
SHORE VIEW AVE	NEEDS GRADING	\$125
STARBOARD WAY	NEEDS GRADING	\$125

here in Mattapoisett. Last year alone we transported 409 residents.

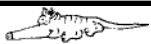
Our town does not have public transportation. Our elderly residents are counting on FISH to get them to their medical appointments. We need more volunteer callers and drivers. We always work around your schedule when it is convenient for you! To find out more about your opportunity to be a FISH volunteer, please call FISH Coordinator Cathy Dupont at 508-758-9681.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Moretti, Evan Papadopoulos, Grammatiki	Benetti, Michael S	4 Thistle Ln	Rochester	11/10/2021	375,000.00
Cudmore, Christopher Owerka, Gerard	Normand, Diane M Rock, Rene P	0 Windward Way	Mattapoisett	11/10/2021	230,000.00
Welch, Christopher L Johansen-welch, Kelsey A	Piper, Geoffrey T Piper, Leslie T	33 Williams Way	Rochester	11/12/2021	650,000.00
Jray Realty LLC	Gallant, Dennis D Jr	120 Fairhaven Rd	Mattapoisett	11/12/2021	145,000.00
Pagliuco, Dana E Odowd, Graham P	Bailey, Michael W Bailey, Pamela E	8 Noyes Ave	Mattapoisett	11/12/2021	485,000.00
Kinney, Daryl A	Bold, David M	191 North Ave	Rochester	11/15/2021	436,000.00
Deleon, Pedro Yac Deleon, Margarida S Deleon, Jose Yac	Faria, Lisa Rego, Carol Ann Est	151 Fairhaven Rd	Mattapoisett	11/16/2021	300,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	December 2	5:43	6:07	11:53	11:41
Friday	December 3	6:35	6:59		12:44
Saturday	December 4	7:26	7:51	12:29	1:38
Sunday	December 5	8:18	8:44	1:20	2:32
Monday	December 6	9:11	9:38	2:13	3:24
Tuesday	December 7	10:06	10:35	3:06	4:16
Wednesday	December 8	11:04	11:33	3:59	5:11
Thursday	December 9		12:02	4:56	6:26
Friday	December 10	12:33	12:59	6:13	7:48
Saturday	December 11	1:31	1:56	8:24	8:46
Sunday	December 12	2:30	2:53	9:35	9:26
Monday	December 13	3:30	3:52	10:26	9:54
Tuesday	December 14	4:27	4:47	11:04	10:22
Wednesday	December 15	5:18	5:36	11:37	10:55
Thursday	December 16	6:02	6:19		12:03
Friday	December 17	6:41	6:58	12:01	12:43
Saturday	December 18	7:17	7:36	12:10	1:21
Sunday	December 19	7:52	8:13	12:51	2:00
Phases of the Moon		New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter		December 4th December 11th December 19th December 27th	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*
In the November 25, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 3!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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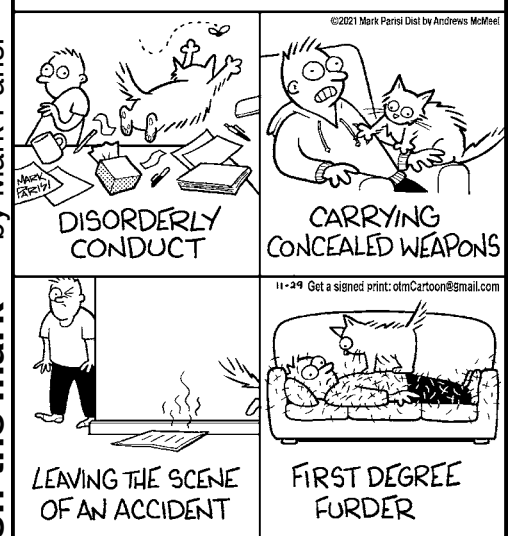
1. Tender
2. Neary;
3. Snide;
4. Inhale

Today's Word RIDDLE

Sudoku Answer

9	1	2	4	8	3	7	5	6
4	8	5	6	2	7	3	9	1
6	7	3	5	9	1	2	4	8
1	3	8	9	4	2	6	7	5
2	9	6	1	7	5	4	8	3
7	5	4	3	6	8	1	2	9
3	2	1	7	5	9	8	6	4
8	4	9	2	1	6	5	3	7
5	6	7	8	3	4	9	1	2

MY CAT THE CRIMINAL 7





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